

CITY GUARDIANS IN ANNUAL PARADE TODAY

FEARLESS CONDUCT OF POLICEMAN KLEINDINST

CARRIES AGED WOMEN DOWN A HIGH LADDER

Stopped a Runaway Horse at the Risk of His Life and Thereby Saved the Lives of a Number of Newsboys.

Policeman Kleindinst, winner of the bronze medal offered for conspicuous bravery, was appointed as a member of the police force on August 19, 1901. He proved a fearless, thoroughly efficient and courageous patrolman, and in recognition of his strict attention to duty and exceptional bravery when surrounded by a mob of hooligans by several persons, Major Sylvester mounted him on a bicycle on September 1, 1902. The vacancy was made by the dismounting of Policeman Steinbraker, at his own request. Kleindinst headed the list of eligibles for the position, and was given it.

Since his advent on the force he has discovered a number of fires, made many arrests in important cases, and under seemingly unmountable odds, and has been brought before the public on several occasions because he invariably proved to be on hand when assistance was needed.

Fought Twoirate Men.

Last May he was in the vicinity of Ninth and D Streets northwest, and was told that a man and his wife living between Eighth and Ninth Streets on D Street were having a fight. Kleindinst mounted his wheel and rode around the corner. Hearing screams of "murder," he rushed up a flight of stairs in a house near the Academy of Music, and found a man a foot taller and weighing many pounds more struggling with his wife. Kleindinst asked for an explanation. The woman explained that she and the man had just been married, and he wanted to go out to get more beer with which to celebrate the event. She was endeavoring to get him to stay in the house and the two quickly got into a fight.

Kleindinst informed the husband of a few moments that he would have to go to the first precinct station. This enraged the big man, and he began to rain blows upon the policeman's chest and shoulders. Kleindinst grappled with the man and had him groggy, when a brother of the newly married couple rushed down the steps and the two fell upon Kleindinst. The plucky policeman held his end bravely and finally gained the upper hand, after using his blackjack with telling effect on the cranium of the erring husband.

When Sergeant Williams rushed to the

CITY GUARDIANS MARCH PROUDLY IN PARADE

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"The standard of efficiency in the Fire Department is very high, and the members of the department generally come up to it. It is not strange, therefore, that each officer of the force feels a keen sense of responsibility, and is actuated in the discharge of his arduous and dangerous duties by an enthusiasm and loyalty that accomplishes magnificent results. Our chief of police, Mr. Connelley, of these facts and realizes the value of the medal."

"Private Padgett, you have been selected to receive the Washington Times medal for gallantry in life-saving, and it gives me great pleasure to hand it to you. All our firemen are brave, and every one of them is ready to risk his life to save not only life, but property. All the heroes when they have opportunity. Your opportunity was nobly improved, and you richly merit this reward."

"It is very gratifying to have such recognition given to the gallant services of the Fire Department, and I am sure that the entire department would like to join me in thanking the donors of this medal."

Following this came the most exciting part of the exercises, when the assistant was sent along the line of waiting police companies to summon the one winning the Wight banner for general efficiency. That No. 1 company he went, and slowly down the line until he reached No. 7.

The Wight Banner.

"This company marched up the line to where stood Commissioner West, who, in presenting the banner, said: "The police force of the District of Columbia takes high rank among similar organizations throughout the United States. It possesses an enviable record for efficiency, honesty, bravery, and fidelity to duty. This commanding position is not the result of accident or chance, for the contrary is the legitimate development of many years of careful administration. The appointing power, in the first place, has been careful in the selection of the personnel of the force. A high standard, both as to mental and physical qualifications, has been steadily maintained, with the result that the members of the force represent a degree of intelligence, capacity, and character far above the average. Under the leadership of Major Sylvester, who has constantly demonstrated his fit-

the excellence of the police protection which you afford.

"I am sure I do not exaggerate when I say that you possess not only the good will and friendship of all citizens, but that, in addition, you receive and merit their high appreciation and esteem."

"In an organization where the standard of excellence is so high, the honor of being accounted foremost is indeed a great distinction. It has been decided, Lieutenant Sullivan, that this honor has been won by you and by the officers and men under your command. The Commissioners congratulate you heartily upon your deserved success. The banner which I now present means that you and your men have labored diligently and effectively; that your record is untarnished and that you have approached perfection in the administration of a police precinct. May I, in conclusion, express the hope that the example which you and your men have placed before the force will prove to be an inspiration to achieve in the future, if possible, even a higher measure of success."

Next came the Commissioner's speech presenting to Private James Henry Lee and Private Raymond O. Kleindinst the gold and bronze medals offered by The Times to the two policemen having the best records for conspicuous bravery. Mr. West said:

"I accept with pleasure the honor of presenting the gold and bronze medals presented by The Washington Times to the two officers of the police force selected by that newspaper for recognition on account of conspicuously courageous acts rendered by them during the past year. Bravery is, and must be, an essential element in each policeman's character, for he is at all times subject to dangerous encounters in his efforts to enforce the laws. He must meet each situation with coolness and courage, willing, if necessary, to sacrifice his life in the discharge of his duty. I do not believe there is an officer in the force who would fail to display, should occasion require it, the highest attributes of manhood, and I am sure that in the special instances which are now to receive recognition, the distinction has been deservedly won. Officer Lee, in the face of imminent danger, dismounted a runaway horse to a standstill and saved children in the street from almost certain death. I am glad that these splendid records have been recognized by an appreciative and generous public spirit, and congratulate you upon being the recipients of these medals, which enduringly signify your efficiency and courage."

Marksmanship Medals.

The last speech made consisted of a few remarks from Major Sylvester, presenting to Sergeant J. J. Murphy, and Privates J. J. Kennedy and J. E. Bunn three gold medals for good marksmanship.

After the speeches, the Commissioners and a large number of District officials and representative citizens took their seats on the reviewing stand, before which the policemen and firemen passed in review.

POOR WOMAN.

Mrs. Giddy—I thought you were entirely satisfied with your hat.

Mrs. Dresser—So I was until my husband got the bill.

Mrs. Giddy—Oh, why should his hat cost so much?

Mrs. Dresser—But that was the trouble; he didn't growl at all, showing that I had easily have a more expensive one.—Philadelphia Press.

JAMES LEE'S MODESTY EQUALS HIS COURAGE

Winner of Medal for Bravery Says He Never "Did Anything Particularly Remarkable."

"What are you going to give me a medal for? I never did anything particularly remarkable," James Lee, of the First precinct, expressed himself when informed he had been awarded the first prize offered by The Times for conspicuous bravery.

"Didn't you arrest a man at the risk of your life?"

"When?"

"About a month or so ago, at Tenth and D Streets."

"Oh, you mean that fellow who tried to shoot me. That wasn't anything. I only did what anyone else in my place would have done under the circumstances."

Lee Tells His Story.

In spite of his modesty, Lee was indeed to give his version of the affair which nearly cost him his life, and for which The Times awards him the medal.

"I was in charge of No. 12 patrol wagon at the time," he said. "We had been up to Seventh and H Streets to get a prisoner, and were coming down Tenth Street. The wagon had almost reached D Street when the driver and myself suddenly heard a pistol shot. In the midst of the crowd I suddenly

saw a man running down the street flourishing a revolver. I realized he was the man we must get at all hazard. I told the driver to draw up at the curb, and turned the prisoner in the wagon over to his care. Then I jumped out of the wagon, and ran toward the man with the gun.

"Just before I reached him, somebody yelled, 'Look out, he's got a gun!' I heard the yell at the same moment the man did. He turned, just in time to see me. I had already drawn my pistol, but thinking it would be dangerous to fire it in such a crowd, I merely sprang at him, and knocked the pistol from his hand.

"That's all there was to it," said Lee in conclusion.

Praised by Sylvester.

Lee's bravery and judgment in making the arrest attracted the attention of Acting Lieutenant L. Sullivan, of the First precinct, who made a report of the occurrence to Major Sylvester. The act also called forth the commendation of the chief of police.

Lee is a Washingtonian by birth, and about forty years old. He is a heavy set man of brain and muscle, and was adapted to the requirements of his position. He has been connected with the department since February 1, 1901, when he was appointed a private in the Eighth precinct. He was transferred to the First precinct about a year ago. His record in the department has been excellent.

Fireman Padgett's Heroic Act in Saving Lives of Mrs. Virginia Emerson and Mrs. Mary Tully.

Private Padgett's act of heroism which won for him The Times gold medal was performed on May 12 last, at 467 and 469 Pennsylvania Avenue. The two upper stories are occupied by J. Orville Johnson as a photograph gallery and residence.

Mrs. Virginia Emerson and Mrs. Mary Tully, both aged women, were asleep on the third floor of the house at the time the entire building was enveloped in flames, and the room directly below them a veritable furnace. Padgett scaled up a thirty-foot ladder held by the other members of his truck company and rescued both women from the window. He was closely followed by another fireman, who bore Mrs. Tully to the ground while he took care of Mrs. Emerson, the elder of the two women.

Cold, Wet Morning.

About 2 o'clock on the morning of May 12, as a drizzling rain was falling and a chill wind blew, Policemen McKee and of the Sixth precinct station, was patrolling his beat along Pennsylvania Avenue and discovered smoke issuing from the second and third floor windows of the photograph gallery. He rushed up steps to the second floor, and, beating loudly on the door, endeavored to alarm those within.

The policeman then ran to the nearest corner and sounded an alarm from box 1, and went back to the gallery to the upper floors and found that the photographer, an assistant, and two aged women were asleep in the building. The first two were asleep on the second floor and the women were in a third floor room.

Within a moment or two engine bells were clanging through the streets, and the big steamers were set to work. Members of the truck companies put their apparatus in place. Despite the unseasonable hour, a large crowd collected in front of the burning building.

Surrounded by Flames.

Hemmed in by the flames, which originated in some unknown manner in the kitchen on the second floor, the photographer and his assistant rushed to the second floor front windows, and throwing up the sashes, started to jump. Persons on the ground yelled to them that the firemen were coming, thus saving, perhaps, their lives.

A ladder was taken from one of the trucks and placed against the building. It being the intention of the firemen to rescue the two men, as Padgett started up some twenty feet and the two women clid in their night robes standing up on the third floor windows. The fire with thirty-foot ladder shaking like an aspen, but grasped firmly at its base by the ladder, was also started to a point opposite the third floor window. With the thirty-foot ladder shaking like an aspen, but grasped firmly at its base by the ladder, was also started to a point opposite the third floor window. Padgett ran rapidly to the top.

The Women Excited.

"Save me. Save me!" screamed both women in unison as he reached the top of the ladder. With their pitiful appeals ringing in his ears, he threw his right foot between the two topmost rungs, braced his chest against the left side of the shaking ladder, and leaned forward. Mrs. Tully was in front, being more active than Mrs. Emerson, and having reached the window first. She hesitated, saying she thought it safer to jump. Padgett informed her that there was no time for talk and she would be started to jump if not assisted at once. Reassured thus, she leaned forward, and the stalwart fireman's chest and clasped his iron-muscle arms. He took several steps and then turned Mrs. Tully over to another fireman who followed him up the ladder.

Seeing Padgett descending, Mrs. Emerson became highly excited as she thought he intended going to the ground, and she feared she would be burned to death by that time.

After giving his human burden to a fellow fireman Padgett placed a moist sponge on his mouth and again mounted to the top of the ladder. Bracing himself as before he took the frail woman from the window and again rushed to the street below, where he received the plaudits of the surging mob. Declaring that there had been snafus from the jaws of death by young Padgett the two aged women showered him with thanks and even kissed him in their excitement. They were then taken care

of by women who lived near the photograph gallery and had been attracted by the shouts and cheers of the crowd. Padgett was one of the most modest heroes ever seen. He accepted the handshakes and congratulations, because they were forced upon him, but he insisted that he had done nothing to cause "all this fuss," and after the rescue he scaled the ladder several times to assist in taking out photograph supplies, clothing and furniture which was left in the third floor rooms when the occupants beat a hasty retreat toward the windows.

Flames Raged Fiercely.

The flames raged with unabated fury for several hours. From 2 o'clock until 7 o'clock in the morning the firemen fought the blaze. The fire originated in the kitchen and had considerable time to eat its way to the front of the house, where McKee discovered the smoke. The rear second-floor room, the dining room, and the developing room, were burned out completely, and only the four walls, which were charred where there was wood and cracked where plaster had been remained. The floors had large holes burned in them and firemen were compelled to use axes to extinguish the dying embers.

The fire was one of the fiercest the firemen have been called on to fight for many years. It is believed it had a start of about two hours on the firemen. Caught in such a death trap as the third floor rooms proved to be, the two aged women would certainly have perished before assistance could have reached them from the inside. But for the timely and heroic action of Padgett their bruised bodies would probably have been picked up on the pavement below, as the women could have tried the desperate alternative to save their lives.

Reported to Belt.

The act of bravery was immediately reported to Chief Belt, who congratulated Padgett, and forthwith recommended to the Commissioners that he be given additional leave for his performance. Padgett was also the recipient of many congratulatory letters from his friends around the city and entire strangers, as well, who said they were glad they could lay themselves down at night and feel that their lives were safe even in case of fire, with such men as him in the ranks.

Private Padgett was born in Maryland, March 2, 1879. He was appointed to the Fire Department, August 19, 1901. Chief Belt's report follows: "Sir, I have the honor to inform you that Private E. B. Padgett, of Engine Company No. 18, according to the records of the department, is entitled to the medal offered by The Times to the member of the department who rescued the most persons during the past year."

"On May 12, 1901, Private Padgett rescued from a burning building, located at 467 Pennsylvania Avenue, Mrs. Margaret Tully, aged sixty-eight, and Mrs. Virginia Emerson, aged seventy-two. The rescue was made by Private Padgett with the use of a thirty-foot extension ladder, the ladder being held in the air by a fellow-fireman with a rope. The rescue was, indeed, one worthy of recognition, for when the persons rescued from the building it was enveloped in flames, and no doubt, had it not been for the prompt action of the firemen, they would have perished. Very respectfully, etc. W. T. BELT."

PRESENCE OF MIND IN FACE OF FIRE

About 6:45 o'clock last night Mrs. Anna Williams went into the parlor of her home, 339 Fourteenth Street northwest, and was attempting to adjust a hanging lamp on a hook when it fell. The glass bottom broke and the coal oil soaked into the carpet. The lighted burner fell on the carpet where it was wet with oil.

In an instant large tongues of flame were leaping toward the ceiling. The fire spread every second.

Mrs. Williams was alone, and realized that the entire house would be in flames if she attempted to summon assistance. Clad in her house dress and with a hat, she ran to box 888 at Fourteenth and J Street, half a block from her home, broke the glass, and turned in the alarm. She then returned and began removing her effects.

The firemen, whose headquarters is not more than three blocks away, made a quick run to her residence, and with the aid of a sallon or two of chemical put out all the fire there was.

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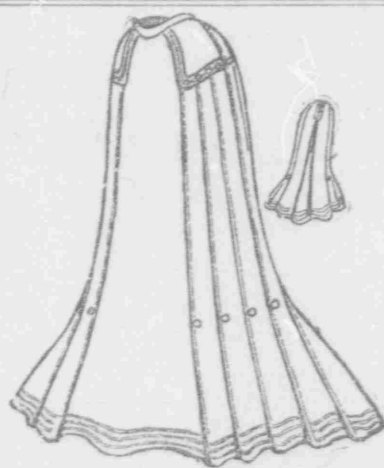
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Man-tailored Skirts, made of all-wool cloths that have been thoroughly sponged. They will retain their shape indefinitely. One style like the picture. Black, gray, brown, green, and various mixtures. Walking and dress lengths.



11c Found

50c Garments, 39c

The Palais Royal's well-known 50c Kimonos, dressing sacques, night gowns, and petticoats, warm flannel and worsted garments. Choice for 39c.



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31c

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